

REMARKS

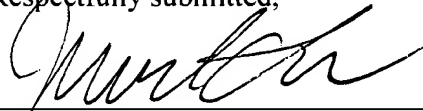
In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner also objected to the drawings and required a proposed drawing correction. Finally, the Examiner objected to all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Parsons in view of O. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Neither O nor Parsons discloses the use of a pole apparatus for use in connection with the installation of a suspended ceiling that has a tool removably secured to a connector fixed to the pole. In such a system, tools may be easily interchanged such that the user is able to quickly switch between tool heads and, accordingly, use different types of fasteners. Indeed, using the apparatus of the present invention a user can quickly transition from the installation of eye lag screws to the hanging of threaded rods simply by changing the tool.

Proposed drawing corrections are also submitted herewith to Figures 7, 8 and 9. Specifically, changes in red ink have been made to these figures to indicate the proposed inclusion of a ball lock, spring biased pin and spring biased teeth.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in proper form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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